



## March 2019

### Highlight Conference: [Sprayer Cleaning Workshop](#)

Sprayer cleaning (internal and external) is considered one of the most important elements of the potential pesticide point source contamination, and it is really necessary to find and disseminate ways to avoid or mitigate this risk. There are several different ways to address the present mitigation solutions proposed by researchers, regulatory body, sprayers manufacturers and specific private companies. This workshop aims to exchange experiences from different stakeholders in order to provide improvements on this topic, through the demonstration and dissemination of solutions to avoid or mitigate the contamination risk.

2-3 October 2019 @ The Haus der Familie, Oberbozen, Italy

**Call for Papers Deadline is 6 April 2019**

For more information about the event please click [here](#).

### Important Conference Updates

- [Adding Value To Field Crop Genetic Resources](#)  
25-26 April 2019 @ John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK  
**Late Booking Surcharge from 11 April 2019**  
**Programme NOW AVAILABLE!**
- [Cultivating Healthy Food Systems](#) **NEW DATE**  
25-27 September 2019 @ Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, UK  
**Call for papers Deadline is 31 May 2019**
- [Advances in Soil-borne Disease Etiology and Control](#)  
24 October 2019 @ De Vere Orchard Hotel, Nottingham, UK  
**Call for Papers Deadline is 28 June 2019**  
**Registration NOW OPEN!**

## Upcoming Call for Papers Deadlines:

- **[International Advances in Plant Virology 2019](#)**

29-31 October 2019 @ CREA-DC, Rome, Italy

**Call for Papers Deadline is 31 March 2019**

- **[International Advances in Pesticide Application](#)**

28-30 January 2020 @ Mercure Brighton Seafront Hotel, Brighton, UK

**Call for Papers Deadline is 31 March 2019**

## **[Upcoming Vacancies for AAB Council](#)**

We are currently looking for AAB Members who might be interested in joining the AAB Council. At the end of this year, we will be seeking to replace the Publications Officer, Roy Kennedy, and the Conference Treasurer, Richard Glass, who will come to the end of their term in December 2019.

For more information on how to apply or nominate someone (with their permission) for one of the above roles, please click [here](#). Our President and Vice-President are also more than happy to discuss these positions, contact information can be found at the bottom of the attached report.

## **[Call for Applications: Editor-In-Chief](#)**

The Association of Applied Biologists and Wiley are seeking a new Editor-in-Chief for their open access journal Food and Energy Security, who will replace Martin Parry and be responsible for the journal from 1st January 2020. This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious, enthusiastic and highly skilled individual to lead and be part of our growing Food and Energy Security journal portfolio.

For more information on how to apply or nominate someone, with their permission, please click [here](#).

**Deadline for applications is 30 April 2019.**

## AAB Journals: New Issue Now AVAILABLE!

Click on the links below to view the latest issue of our Plant Biotechnology Journal. PBJ is an open access journal, publishes high-impact original research and incisive reviews with an emphasis on molecular plant sciences and their applications through plant biotechnology.



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## [Royal Society of Biology Newsletter](#)

As many of our readers will be aware, we distribute the Royal Society of Biology Newsletter by uploading a link to our website. This newsletter is a great place to find current developments in the world of Biological Sciences, but also a wide range of content from various other disciplines.

Click on the link above to view the latest issue.

## Non-AAB Events

### [Biopesticide Summit 2019](#)

2 - 3 July 2019 @ Swansea University, UK.

**AAB members are eligible for a £50 reduction on registration fees if registered before 1 April**

The Biopesticide Summit 2019 will focus on developing and introducing innovative and alternative biocontrol solutions that will help protect our food chain in a controlled but timely manner. Despite significant growth in the biocontrol industry, major limitations with current biopesticide solutions are rarely discussed. There is an urgent need to develop novel products and application technologies to not only “fill the gaps” in the market due to pesticide removal but also to anticipate future requirements as pests and diseases are developing resistance to currently used chemical products. In addition, there is increasing consumer led retailer demand for growers to eradicate the use of chemical pesticides in crop production and to grow fruit and vegetables with reduced detectable residues.

For more information please click on the link above or visit the [Event Website](#).

## The AAB NewsHub...

A dedicated section for generic news content which we believe will be of significant interest to our members and their peers, for every single newsletter that we release. These articles may range from blogs, or discussion topics right the way through to some professionally published content.

We will continue to scout around for the latest news but as always, we are more than happy to receive additional content from our readers... If you come across an article or a newspaper column which you think would be of interest to our members please feel free to send it in by [clicking this link](#).

- [Breakthrough in fight against plant diseases](#) (Science Daily)
- [Antibiotics set to flood Florida’s troubled orange orchards](#) (Nature)
- [‘Specialized’ microbes within plant species promote diversity](#) (Yale)
- [Natural plant defence genes provide clues to safer protection in grain sorghum](#) (Science Daily)
- [The evolution of grain yield](#) (Phys.org News)
- [Gene-edited foods are safe, Japanese panel concludes](#) (Science)

- [Food safety: Dung beetles and soil bacteria reduce risk of human pathogens](#) (British Ecological Society)
- [New investment in European Bioinformatics Institute to tackle life threatening diseases](#)(Gov.UK)
- [Nitrogen Pollution's Path to Streams Weaves through More Forests \(and at a Faster Pace\) than Suspected](#) (USDA)
- [Air pollution deaths are double previous estimates, finds research](#) (The Guardian)
- [Researchers embrace a radical idea: engineering coral to cope with climate change](#) (Science)
- [Bull 'super dads' are being engineered to produce sperm from another father](#) (Nature)
- [UK takes step forward in global marine protection](#) (Gov.UK)

## Would you like to contribute to our next eNewsletter?

We welcome contributions to any of our newsletters so please feel free to contact the AAB Office if you have anything that you would like to share!

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